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GENEVA FOR UNCTAD

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB MINISTERIAL ON DEBT: PAKISTAN THINKS THERE
WILL BE MOVEMENT

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1. REFTEL WHICH ARRIVED HERE ON EVE OF MOSLEM SABBATH CAME TOO LATE TO BE OF MUCH USE IN INFLUENCING GOP. WE DID MANAGE TO GET APPOINTMENT ON URGENT BASIS ON SUNDAY WITH SARBULAND KHAN, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION, AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 5 TO 10 REFTEL. SARBULAND KHAN EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US WAS STILL TREATING TD/AC.2/CRP.2 AS THE MOST RELEVANT OPERATING DOCUMENT. HE SAID THAT THIS PAPER HAD BEEN SO THOROUGHLY CHEWED OVER AT CIEC THAT THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO SAY ABOUT IT. HE WAS OF IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN RECENT MOVEMENT IN GROUP B, ESPECIALLY BY UK AND FRANCE, ON DEBT ISSUE IN DIRECTION OF FORGIVING DEBT BY POOREST COUNTRIES AND CONVERTING OLD DEBT OF SUCH COUNTRIES TO IDA TERMS. HE REFERRED TO NEGATIVE IMAGE US HAS
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AMONG MANY LDCS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND HOPED THAT US MIGHT TAKE LEAD IN CURRENT MEETING RATHER THAN SEEMING TO BE BROUGHT ALONG DRAGGING ITS HEELS. HE POINTED OUT AN ARTICLE IN THIS MORNING'S "PAKISTAN TIMES" BY TED MORELLO OUT OF GENEVA IN WHICH MORELLO PREDICTED ON THE BASIS OF EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS PAKISTAN AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ARE "CERTAIN" TO WIN DEBT RELIEF CONCESSIONS AT THE UNCTAD MINISTERIAL. WE TOLD

SARBULAND KHAN THAT THIS VIEW DID NOT SQUARE WITH THE INFORMATION WE HAD. WE AGREED THE NEXT FEW DAYS WOULD TELL THE TALE.

2. A.G.N. KAZI, ADVISOR TO THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WILL BE PAKISTAN'S SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ISLAMABAD. HE IS LEAVING TODAY. SARBULAND KHAN PROMISED TO TRY TO GET WORD OF OUR POSITION TO HIM BEFORE HE LEFT. WE THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US NOT TO TRY TO MAKE A BREATHLESS, AIRPLANE STEPS APPROACH TO HIM, BUT THE US DELEGATION IN GENEVA MAY WELL FIND IT WORTHWHILE TO MAKE AN APPROACH SINCE PAKISTAN IS ONE OF THE G-77S PRINCIPAL (AND MOST INTERESTED) PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEBT PORTION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.
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